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DECISION MEMO ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE

Sanders County Pollinator Initiative
April 15, 2022
Eastern Sanders Conservation District
Administrative
Sanders County, Montana

PURPOSE AND NEED

The overall aim of this grant is to expand pollinator habitat throughout Sanders County through efficient seed distribution event, landowner education and support, and building capacity for newly-hired administrators to sustain the program into the future.

The Eastern Sanders and Green Mountain Administrators, along with Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group Coordinator, will conduct 5 seed hand-out events, weekly monitoring and monthly weeding of established demonstration plots, and will follow up with landowners for success reports and pictures. A total of 4 acres of free pollinator seed will be given out to Sanders County residents at 5 events. Landowners will choose from packages for 100, 250, or 2500 square foot plots and will receive educational materials to help ensure plot success.

Explanation of the decision(s) that must be made regarding the proposed action (i.e. approve grant or loan and provide funding):

DNRC will approve the grant to provide funding for the Eastern Sanders Conservation District Pollinator Grant.

DNRC is not required to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for actions that qualify for a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (ARM 36.17.614) or justified by a PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW; or are ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523(5)); or are EMERGENCIES (ARM 36.2.539). These actions are subject to review for EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES that would require an EA or an EIS.

ACTIONS OF SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523)

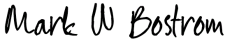
- ☒ Administrative actions: routine, clerical or similar functions of a department, including but not limited to administrative procurement, contracts for consulting services, and personnel actions.
- ☐ Minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities.
- ☐ Investigation and enforcement: data collection, inspection of facilities or enforcement of environmental standards.

☐ Ministerial actions: actions in which the agency exercises no discretion, but rather acts upon a given state of facts in a prescribed manner.

☒ Actions that are primarily social or economic in nature and that do not otherwise affect the human environment.

The project listed above meets the definition of Actions of a Special Nature, Categorical Exclusion or Programmatic Review including specified conditions and Extraordinary Circumstances.

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